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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Heavy trading was reported for both prompt and deferred shipments. Demand was light to moderate, most interest noted for out front deliveries. Offerings were light to adequate. Parts and meats trading was mixed. Offerings were adequate. Demand was light to moderate with most buyers only purchasing immediate needs.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on limited volumes of thigh meat, tom drums and tom full-cut wings. Demand was light to moderate as most buyers are cautious and selective. Supplies are adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 02, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	66-69.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	66	68.00	10	68.75	500	SEP	800	MAY-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	66-66.25	66.10	2000	68.75	500	OCT	2400	APR-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	66.25	800	APR	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	68.75	500	SEP	800	MAY-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	66-66.25	66.11	2200	68.75	500	OCT	1600	APR-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	66.25	1000	APR	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 03, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.99	66.00	64.00 **	EASTERN REGION	65.84	68.29	65.34
CENTRAL REGION	66.06	65.65	64.00	CENTRAL REGION	65.79	67.80	64.63
WESTERN REGION	66.30 **	66.25 **	64.70 **	WESTERN REGION	66.26	68.63	65.82
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.25	66.00	64.00	EASTERN REGION	65.87	68.29	62.63
CENTRAL REGION	66.11	66.51	62.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	65.74	67.78	62.08
WESTERN REGION	66.30 **	66.25 **	62.70 **	WESTERN REGION	66.26	68.63	63.08

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS-**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) **Week of 06-MAR-2006**

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	81.67	366,000
16-24 lbs.	81.00	20,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>		
8-16 lbs.	—	10,000
16-24 lbs.	—	5,000
Total Volume:		401,000

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 25-Feb-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PCT CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>
North East	714	2	24.85	(A)	714	24.85
South Atlantic	693	-11	31.75	(A)	693	31.75
North Central	1,768	7	35.61	(A)	1,768	35.61
South Central	685	16	18.84	(A)	685	18.84
West	269	3	24.12	(A)	269	24.12
U.S. total	4,129(B)	4	29.57	0	4,129	29.57
To-date						
2006	32,418(B)			30	32,448	
To-date						
2005	32,548(B)			32	32,580	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 162,000; for last year to date 242,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND** (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

January	428,048*
February 1 - 25, 2006	357,388*
To date 2006	785,436*
To date 2005	791,040*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 25-Feb-06

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
Head	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129
Avg Wt	16.74	38.66	25.04	0.00	29.57
Last week	1,417	2,546	9	1	3,973
Same wk yr ago	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Avg Wt	16.17	38.60	24.76	0.00	30.11
To-date/2006	12,656	19,600	162	30	32,448
To-date/2005	12,233	20,073	242	32	32,580

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 MARCH 2006.

The market tone on ton bulk parts was steady to instances fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of ton necks and drums 13 to adequate, ton wings adequate. The market tone on institutional breasts was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for the general adequate offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances weak on non-Russian thigh meat with buyers bidding at low trending price levels. The market tone on Russian thigh meat continued strong with trading noted at 105 cents delivered. Demand light best for non-Russian thigh meat to fair for Russian approved. Offerings of non-Russian thigh meat adequate to instances burdensome. Russian approved short to light. Trading slow to instances moderate with activity centered on fresh ton breast meat. For domestic (non-basted rib breasts): Grade A - 10-12 lb. 145, 16-18 lb. 170, plant grade - 10-12 lb. 140, 14-16 lb. 155, 16-22 lb. 165 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	113.50	1,440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	159.72	809
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	106.27	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	45.00		45.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	45.25	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.29	62
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.44	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	32.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-34.00		33.26	54
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00		164.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	163.00-165.00		163.80	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	92.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	163.00		163.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	163.50	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	20.34	362
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00		45.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	32.00	108
TAILS		W	38.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on breast trim was steady to barely steady, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand light on breast trim, moderate to good on the balance. Offerings of breast trim adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat light to adequate. The market tone on hen bulk parts was mixed with strength noted on product from lighter sized hens and spot weakness noted on product from heavier sized hens. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: livers 19 pet foods, fresh tom wings 25, hearts, 25, tails 34, fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh scapula 113, fresh breast trim 120, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 170 cents delivered. For export: tom defatted gizzards 53 shipping point, frozen thigh meat 103 cents delivered port (Russian approved).

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	113.50	1,440	113.50	1,440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	159.72	809	159.72	809
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	106.27	600	106.22	607
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	15	45.16	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	46.00		46.00	80	45.36	440
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	44.50-46.00		45.00	60	44.13	122
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	46	25.58	128
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	80	25.64	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.18	49	39.37	63
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-34.00		33.57	92	33.54	294
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00-165.00		164.88	51	161.01	1,055
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	162.00-168.00		164.89	495	164.47	935
THIGH MEAT	81.00		81.00	12	81.00	12
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	83.00		83.00	16	83.00	16
BREAST TRIM MEAT	119.00-120.00		119.67	120	118.60	200
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-109.00		108.13	46	108.07	86
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	163.00	40	160.39	199
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	40	70.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	162.00-165.00		164.88	128	164.21	248
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00-22.00		21.49	81	20.76	483
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.00		46.00	80	45.00	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	52	25.00	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	32.00	108	32.00	108
TAILS		W	38.50	120	38.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	52	83.86	444
****CORRECTION ON 02/27/06 should have read:						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	*44.00-45.00		44.50	240*		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		*R	86.07	300*		

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